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1. The KVP (Kasernierte Volkspolizei) Caserne in Gloewen (N 52-55, E 12-05) was originally constructed in 1944 to house civilian employees of a munitions factory under construction at that time; this factory was destroyed later in World War II. The caserne was referred to as the "KVP Kaserne" and it had been occupied by East German military forces since 1951. The area's dimensions were 220 x 200 meters. It was located on Highway No. 7, was surrounded by wooden lattice fences, and housed approximately 1,500 personnel.

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2. [redacted] it was being used as a KVP artillery and signal officers' training school where officers not only received instruction but where they were also assigned part-time duty with troops.

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[redacted] class room instruction in radar techniques for unidentified types of artillery units was given in the area but that actual field exercises took place at another location. Artillery and signal officers received their training from Soviet instructors. It was planned to construct other buildings in this area during World War II, but construction was never started.

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Legend of Caserne in Gloewen

1. Volkspolizei building, a one-story reinforced concrete structure, 10 x 5 x 5 m, which was originally an office for the contractors who built the caserne.
2. Main entrance, with one KVP sentry armed with a '98 rifle.
- 2a. Rear entrance, with one KVP sentry armed with a '98 rifle.
3. L-shaped gable-roofed reinforced concrete building, two stories high, which measured 70 x 8 x 10 m on the long side of the "L" and 30 x 8 x 10 m on the short side; housing is the following:
 - a. Guard house.
 - b. Administration and finance office.
 - c. Administration and bookkeeping office.
 - d. Officers' mess and sales stores.
 - e. EM day room, game room, and library.
- 4a. Reinforced concrete gable-roofed two-story building, 50 x 9 x 10 m,
4b. which housed a kitchen and a mess hall.
5. A two-story barracks, built of reinforced concrete with a gable roof; the dimensions were 50 x 9 x 10 m.
- 6.
- 7.
8. Heating plant, a single-story reinforced concrete building, 20 x 17 x 7 m.
9. Gymnasium, a single-story reinforced concrete building, 40 x 12 x 13 m.
10. A two-story barracks built of reinforced concrete with a gable roof; it measured 40 x 12 x 10 m.
11. An ammunition bunker which was half underground; it measured 25 x 10 x 1 m and was earth-reinforced. [redacted] it was used to store ammunition for hand weapons.
12. A garage which was an open shed with a wooden roof; it measured 60 x 5 x 5 m. Source believes it was used for storing approximately five or six trucks and two jeeps.
13. A motor repair shop, 30 x 6 x 12 m, built of reinforced concrete.
14. Three watchtowers, measuring 2 x 2 m x 7 m each, which were not always manned.
15. A sports area.
16. A training area, 300 x 300 m, which was used for close-order drill.

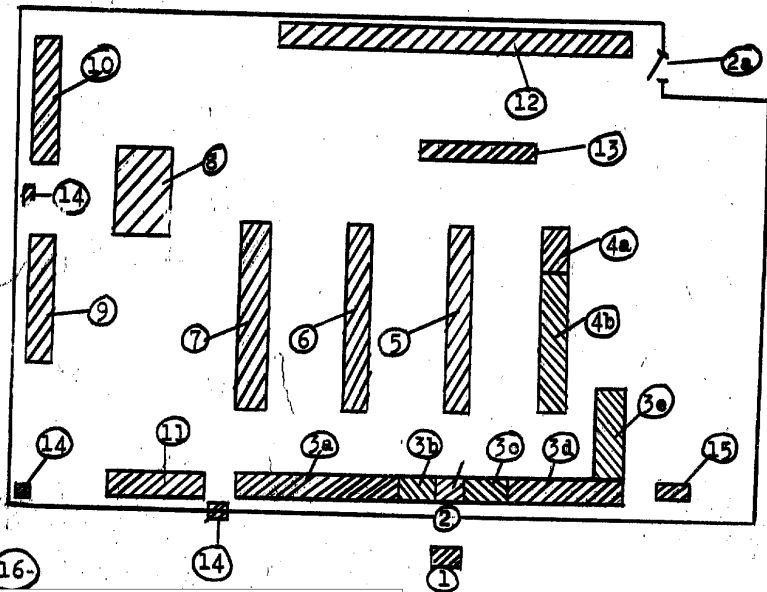
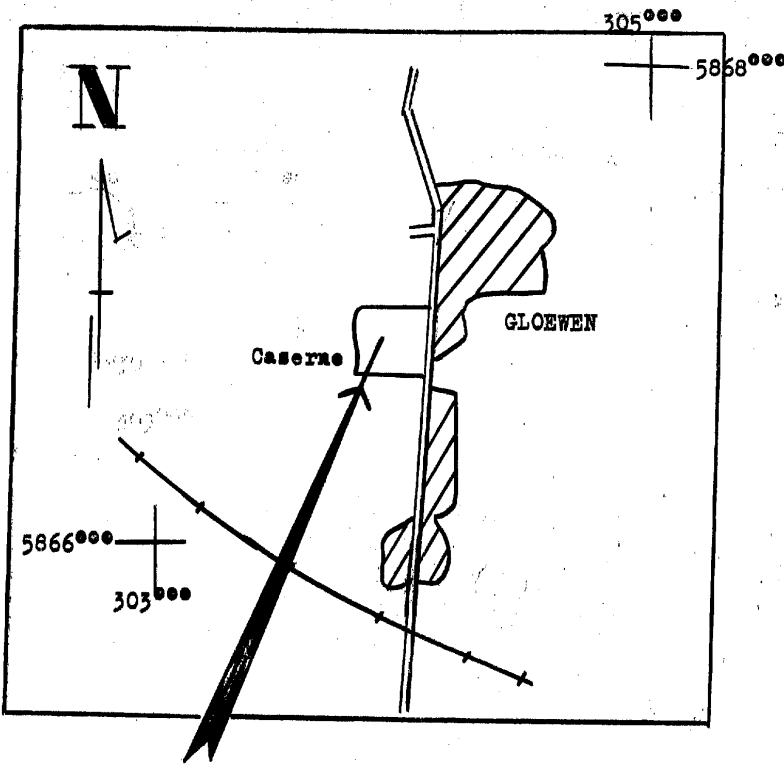
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